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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF

-- CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN ALABAMA COAL MINING VENTURE

1. SENATOR SPARKMAN'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING MATTER. A DR. BERTHOLD KOSTER, WHO CLAIMS TO REPRESENT INTERESTS INVOLVING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, HAS BEEN IN ALABAMA ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE COAL MINING RIGHTS. HE HAS APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO PUT UP APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN BOND FOR A MAJOR TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE FUTURE SUPPLY OF COAL.

2. KOSTER CLAIMS TO WORK FOR CONSULTRADE AG, CH 6300, ZUG, CHAMERSTRASSE 12A, SWITZERLAND, AND THE U.S. COAL DEAL IS BEING ARRANGED THROUGH A BROKER, MR. C.W. DEATON OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL BARTER CO. LTD., NASSAU, BAHAMAS. KOSTER HAS

ALSO MADE SEVERAL BUSINESS PHONE CALLS TO THE CITY OF
MOERS, NEAR DUISBURG.

3. THE LOCAL MAYOR IN ALABAMA HAS BECOME SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH
AT THIS JUNCTURE TO CONTACT SENATOR SPARKMAN.

4. GIVEN KOSTER'S CLAIM TO REPRESENT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT,
THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS BERN AND NASSAU TO CHECK OUT THE
CREDIT RATING OF THE TWO FIRMS INDICATED ABOVE AND INFORM
EUR/CE ASAP.

5. DEPARTMENT AND SENATOR'S OFFICE HAVE NO RPT NO
EVIDENCE THAT KOSTER IS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES,
BUT SENATOR TROUBLED BY HIS CLAIM TO REPRESENT SCHMIDT.
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